

**Amendments to the specification:**

On page 1, line 2, please amend the heading as follows:

**Prior Art Background of the Invention**

On page 1, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 3-4 as follows:

The invention is based on relates to a wiper blade according to the features contained in the preamble to claim 1 having a wiper strip that is held by a support bracket system and encompassed by a laterally closed protective profile.

On page 3, line 12, please amend the heading as follows:

**Advantages Summary of the Invention**

On page 6, line 3, please amend the heading as follows:

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

On page 7, line 10, please amend the heading as follows:

**Detailed Description of the Exemplary Preferred Embodiments**

On page 15, please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention is based on a A wiper blade for cleaning motor vehicle windows, having includes a wiper strip (12) which is held by a support bracket system (10) and is encompassed by a laterally closed protective profile (14, 22, 24). The proposal is made that the The protective profile (14, 22) be is closed in the longitudinal direction (38, 40) on at least one end by a cover (16, 18, 20), which can be used to open and close the protective profile (14, 22).

(Fig. 1)